

February 7, 2023: Falls Lake Academy- Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

<p><u>Meeting Date:</u> February 7, 2023</p>	Action	Person	Notes:
<p><u>Reading of Mission Statement</u> Falls Lake Academy seeks to create a challenging learning environment while striving to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of our 21st century learners to prepare them for citizenship, leadership, and success in a rapidly changing world. Our school promotes a safe, orderly, caring and supportive community. Each student's self-esteem is fostered by positive relationships with students and staff. We strive to have our parents, teachers, and community members actively involved in our student's learning.</p>	<p>Read the mission statement once the meeting is called to order.</p>	<p>Trey Brooks</p>	
<p><u>Citizen Input Statement</u> Persons wishing to address the Board may do so at this time upon recognition from the President. Please state your name, community or organization you represent, and the topic you wish to share with the Board. You will be given 3 minutes to make your presentation. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Board cannot enter into formal discussion with individuals making public comments to the Board. The Board cannot take action on any issues raised during public comments that are not on the meeting agenda.</p>		<p>Velvet Nelson</p>	<p>Parent 1- asked about math curriculum and summer enrichment program opportunities that may be made available for students moving forward.</p> <p>Parent 2- discussed issue with after school selection. Stated that most charter schools provide the afterschool opportunity to all kids. The process is done during the summer in the heat at 5pm, which is not conducive to selection. Parents are not provided with the number of slots available ahead of time to know what is feasible. Could this be addressed moving forward? Could another process be put in place.</p>
<p><u>Citizen Input</u> Acknowledge each citizen and provide the allotted 3 minutes for them to present to the Board.</p>			

<p><u>Announcements and Acknowledgments</u></p> <p>State Teacher Performance Bonus - FLA Teachers Awarded</p>	<p>Share</p>		<p>Falls Lake Academy is proud to announce that we had three teachers recognized by the state of North Carolina for being in the top 25% in the state according to student growth in the areas of reading and math: Stephanie Arneth for 8th grade math, Laura Krzywicki for 4th grade reading, and Mavis Ottley for 6th grade math.</p> <p>Falls Lake Academy is also proud to announce that we had five high school teachers recognized by the state of North Carolina for having passing scores on AP exams (3 or higher): Logan Allen, Sara Allen, Jennifer Frederick, McNeill Kelley, and Maralie Medlin.</p> <p>These teachers received a performance bonus from the state and were recognized by our Board of Directors for their dedication to student growth and achievement.</p> <p>Falls Lake Academy met expected growth as a school as well.</p> <p>We are proud of our students and teachers for their hard work!</p>
<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>12/6/22 - FLA Board Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>Vote</p>		
<p><u>Directors Report</u></p> <p>Instructional Coaches Presentation Safety Update - Behavior Threat Assessment Lottery Update; NC Updated Lottery Guidelines School Calendar College Acceptance HS Course Guide MS club proposal Fundraiser Request</p>	<p>Discuss/Vote</p> <p>Vote</p> <p>Vote</p>		<p>Instructional Coaches Presentation by Teachers: Tracy Holcombe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ELL population is growing and more resources will be needed. • NC ENSI • One teacher stated that she has been able to collaborate with Ms. Holcombe on a daily basis as a math coach. • The instructional coaches provides data based on the evaluations obtained after coaching with the teachers. • The overall goal is to create equity between math, students, and their teachers.

- MTSS- 80% of the students in a k-12 classroom will get what they need from regular instruction. If kids are struggling they will get extra time.
- In k-8 has built in intervention time to address and problem areas for students to work on.
- In high school firetime is used to address problem areas for students
- PRC funds COVID funds currently support the coaching positions, but this will come to an end at the close of this school year.
- How can the board help to provide support to the instructional coaches?
 - Continue to fund this position by putting resources in place
 - More math interventionists are needed. Currently there is only a k-5 interventionist. More .

Safety Update - Behavior Threat Assessment

- Currently running wires for new safety mechanisms for school buildings. Alerts/notifications can be customized and be put in place for safety adherence.
- Protocol developed by Ms. Watkins and Mr. ____ after going to safety training, to ensure that there is a standard procedure to follow.

Lottery Update

- Total of 780 applicants to date
 - Kindergarten has 280 applicants
 - Applications are running slightly down by 4% from where we were last year, but up 8% from 2020.
- Kindergarten night is planned on the 23rd.
- March 9th at 6pm is open house night for 12-12th grad.

NC Updated Lottery Guidelines

- North Carolina state has now changed the language for charter school enrollment to state that children and grandchildren of board members and full time staff members receive priority for enrollment.
- The board will need to vote on this potential change from the state to the current FLA guidelines.

Calendar

- Revision to calendar for incorrect date. .

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 calendar. Donald provided a second. • 7 Ayes. None opposed. <p>College Acceptance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63% of seniors reported on senior acceptance survey • 82% of the 63% reported college acceptance • 1.68 million dollars have been reported as being received at this time. <p>HS Course Guide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers breakdown of courses. Foundations of English class now added for early high school students that may be struggling. Students in this class will be placed in a smaller environment to learn. • AP and Honors elective have now been grouped together. • Trey made a motion to approve the updated HS course guide shared. Crystal provided a second. • 7 Ayes. None opposed. <p>MS club proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Keith shared interest in starting a Christian middle school club. Asked for the board's provide an okay for this club to begin. Another club like this exists in the high school. <p>Fundraiser Request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS and student government (snack fundraiser)
<p><u>Committee Reports</u></p> <p><i>Growth and Development-</i></p> <p><i>Finance and Personnel-</i> <u>December 2022 Financial Report</u></p> <p>Gym Floors Proposal for Vote</p> <p>Update on parking lot quote</p> <p>Executive Director Interviews Completed as of Friday 2/3/23; Update on progress.</p> <p><i>Governance and Academics-</i></p>			<p>Growth and development</p> <p>Rezoning will occur this month. Rezoning permit stated that no offices</p> <p>Finance and Personnel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5,587 to clean and polish middle and high school gymnasium floors. • Two quotes received to seal cracks that currently exists in parking lot. • \$39,309 • \$32,912 • A third quote is still pending at this time. <p>Governance and Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update at this time.

			<p>Board of Directors Interview Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An automation reply will be sent to board applicants moving forward once applications are received. <p>For called meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will need to ensure automated notifications are sent when board applications are received.
<u>Closed</u>			<p>Entered into close session at 7:15pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Velvet provided motion to enter into close • Crystal provided a second <p>Came out of close session at 9:25pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal provided motion to adjourn meeting • La-Shell provided a second
Closed Session-pursuant to <u>NC GS 143.318.11</u> Personnel	Vote		